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Sir:

Prior to initial examination, please amend the above-captioned case as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows.

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4. (Amended) An expression vector constructed by cloning the DNA according to Claim 1 in an expression vector.

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7. (Amended) A transformant as obtainable by transforming a host

microorganism with the DNA according to Claim 1.

8. (Amended) A transformant as obtainable by transforming a host

microorganism using the expression vector according to Claim 4.